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- 1** **Reduced energy use and telework in legislative branch.** Authorizes each department supervisor in the House of Representatives and the Senate and each appointing authority of joint legislative entities, in consultation with human resources staff, to develop and implement a telework policy for employees within their department. Provides that the policy may include an option for telework from home for up to 20 percent of work days when the legislature is not in session, and the option to work a regular schedule of four ten-hour days or a similar schedule that will reduce commuting, when the legislature is not in session.
 - 2** **Electronic conduct of state meetings.** Requires that to the greatest extent practical, state agency meetings must be conducted by electronic means if the conferences otherwise would involve employee travel. Authorizes agency heads and MnSCU officials to grant exemptions as necessary to allow people other than state employees to participate effectively in meetings, or when otherwise essential to efficient and effective conduct of state business. Provides that this section does not exempt compliance with the Open Meeting Law.